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Applicant : Stephen A. Rago

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated February 21, 2003, be extended for three months to and including August 21, 2003.

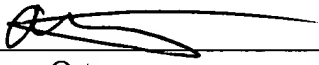
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